



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

HUMAN SETTLEMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE CLUSTER
SUPPORT SERVICES

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) LEGO LAUNCH

RURAL AREA BASED MANAGEMENT



The Office of the Deputy City Manager, Support Services in partnership with Care for Education and Rural Area Based Management (ABM) hosted the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Lego Launch Programme for the schools in the Rural ABM (Area Based Management). The event was held on the 23rd of March at the Coastlands Hotel.



Deriving from the realization of developing our students from an early childhood development phase – the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Lego launch is the City's continuous contribution in developing and empowering young minds. A solid educational foundation is a powerful building "block" in

ensuring a thriving nation – one block at a time, the Municipal is building the foundation, training and capacitating children who will elevate our societies. Empowering the City's future leaders.

The City dually notes the dire shortage of scarce skills professionals within eThekweni Municipal area, and what better programme than to introduce practical and innovative measures in a quest to addressing and eradicating the shortage from a tender age.

The ECD programme was established to encourage a firm foundation of stability for young children. To allow the young to perform at their peak, excelling academically in various stages of life and preparing them adequately.



The Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme will facilitate learner developmental needs and progress. Legos blocks are a proven mind stimulator and the ideal practical learning tool.

First to identify programmes that will enhance the development of our students from all ages, the City couldn't bypass the opportunity to collaborate in such an exciting excursion of learning and development.



Mr Linda Mbonambi- Head of Area Based Management

Mr Mbonambi welcomed guests, recipients and fellow colleagues from council on this historic event and shared how important it is for all parties to play their vital role in

ensuring that the children in ECD centres are provided with enormous amount of knowledge as possible.

Mr Mbonambi made emphasis on self-development and growth amongst early childhood development (ECD) practitioners and principals. Institutions that offer further training in the field of ECD were mentioned, "It is imperative that we look for ways to enhance the knowledge that we have as ECD teachers and principals, not to be recognized as mere caregivers of children".



Mrs Dianne Wallace- Care for Education and ECD teachers

Lego Education develops learning concepts that inspire students to use their creativity and innate curiosity through experiencing things themselves. Mrs Wallace added that throughout the years of experience it has been proven that we remember things we learn as part of activities. Creative process better than things we told passively, it's called "learning by making".

There are numerous types of activities that can be performed with children such as: Patten and shapes, colour matching, shape sorting and Sammy snake to mention a few.



learners. It involves product donations of LEGO play, learning materials and teaching caretakers - parents, teachers, and educators about the importance of play and how to engage with children in a fun and dynamic way.



Ms Bongzi Sibiyi – social development co-ordinator

On behalf of Rural Area Based Management, Ms Bongzi Sibiyi thanked esteemed partners and representatives from Care for Education, Office of the Deputy City Manager: Support Services Unit, the guests and beneficiaries for a successful event.

“Echoing on the speakers sentiments, we cannot emphasize the importance of developing and neutering our future leaders from a tender age”.

EThekwini Municipality together with Care for Education aim to build a future where learning through play empowers children to become creative and engaged life-long

